

As the authority in control of the local right-of-ways, the Ottawa County Road Commission is extremely concerned about use of the public right-of-way by all sectors of the economy, including public utility companies. The motoring public must always be considered first and foremost when placing objects in the road right of way; especially large, fixed monopoles. In addition, the transfer of costs to road agencies by limiting how road agencies are able to recoup costs for managing the right of way and for reviewing and issuing permits would stretch road budgets that are already spread ultra-thin. Subsidizing any industry, especially those affiliated with for-profit services, is simply not a viable option to agencies across the state, like the Ottawa County Road Commission. Finally, it is our belief that a reasonable local solution can be reached for both parties that may allow deployment of wireless technology in an intelligent, managed and safe manner. For the reasons stated above, the Ottawa County Road Commission strongly opposes any change to the FCC rules or state law that would diminish road agencies' ability to control road right of ways. Thank you for your consideration.